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- REFERENCE(S) A. EGGA-1824, dated 7 October 1960 B. EGNA-19983, dated 21 October 1960 C. EGGA-1856, dated 4 November 1960

1. During [redacted] last visit to Bonn Base on 14 November 1960, he invited CAMISE-1 for drinks at the Guest House in Plittersdorf and introduced the undersigned. After advising CAMISE-1 that the undersigned works in the American Embassy in Bonn and that it is the undersigned's assignment to cover the Bonn political scene, [redacted] - without actually saying so - left no doubt in CAMISE-1's mind that the case officer is a KUBARKER interested in collecting details on political events which, while often known to those members of the press who have better than average access to high level government and party officials, are not exploited by the press for one reason or another. It was apparent that CAMISE-1 understood. After advising that she welcomes the contact, CAMISE-1 stated that she would be glad to cooperate to the best of her ability as long as she could be assured - which we did - that "inside" information furnished by her to us would be treated with all possible discretion. It was also agreed that our relationship should avoid all suspicion-attracting elements of clandestinity and that the only aspect thereof which should remain secret was the extent to which she will, whenever appropriate, advise us of confidential matters. The rest of this one-hour meeting (the case officer was flying to Berlin that evening and thus could not remain longer) was spent in discussing recent political events (see EGN-1127) and in [redacted] and CAMISE-1 reminiscing about the "old days."

2. Although we had made arrangements to meet with CAMISE-1 during the SPD bi-annual convention in Hannover on 21-25 November 1960, no such contact took place. We saw each other from a distance several times and nodded to each other, but invariably the circumstances were such as to make a real contact inadvisable. As it turned out, the case officer knew a sufficient number of knowledgeable SPDers well enough to keep up to date on all convention proceedings and thus did not need CAMISE-1's assistance.

3. The next contact took place on 7 December 1960, when the [redacted] entertained CAMISE-1 for dinner at their home. Part of the evening was spent in simply "getting to know one another" (this was the first real chance for doing this) and in watching a TV interview of Ollenhauer and Erler. The rest of the evening was devoted to a general discussion of the Bonn political scene (during which CAMISE-1 volunteered a general impression of the "Entenbratenabend" - see below) and in obtaining from CAMISE-1 a preliminary assessment of her access potential (apparently quite good - see below). In essence, this meeting was designed to "build rapport," and we believe that this objective was achieved.

4. We next saw CAMISE-1 on 14 December 1960, when we visited her in her office to debrief her in greater detail on the so-called "Entenbratenabend" (see EGNA-20317, dated 20 December 1960). CAMISE-1 was completely cooperative and gave us, we believe, a full and accurate account of the event in question.

5. For Christmas, the case officer sent CAMISE-1 a card and a bottle of whiskey. Both were received with thanks.

6. Assessment:

- a. CAMISE-1 appears to have a very pleasant personality, a factor which no doubt accounts in part for her recent journalistic successes. Unless she is prone to engage in fits of temper or depression - and

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there have been no indications to this effect in our meetings to date - it should not be hard to establish and maintain a good working relationship with her.

b. Her access potential appears to be quite good. In terms of access per se, she rates herself as among the top ten to fifteen journalists in Bonn. This evaluation is supported by some of her male colleagues who have discussed CAMISE-1 in the case officer's presence (in view of her recent "exclusives", this subject could be raised by the case officer without arousing suspicions). Part of this success is no doubt attributable merely to the fact that she is a pleasant and fairly good-looking female whom male persons, with whom she seeks interviews, find it hard to turn down. On the other hand, in terms of her journalistic competence, i.e., what she can elicit from the interviewees by clever questioning and the manner in which she is able to report on events, her colleagues seem to have divided opinions. Some say that she is first-rate all around, while others evaluate her as somewhat naive and superficial. While professional jealousy would appear to play a role in the latter evaluation, the case officer, at this point, would give some credence to it, i.e., CAMISE-1 does not seem to have either the background or the feel for engaging in searching political analyses. This should not, however, seriously detract from her usefulness for KUBARK in terms of what we are primarily interested in obtaining from CAMISE-1: reliable inside information on specific political happenings in Bonn and tip-offs that something is going on and where it might be useful to dig for additional information. We have little doubt that she can and will perform this function to KUBARK's satisfaction.

c. To debrief her is no chore. As a trained journalist, and apparently with a fine feeling for the elements of information in which KUBARK would have a special interest (no doubt at least in part traceable to her previous association with KUBARK), she organizes what she has to tell in an easily digestible form.

d. Security-wise, there seems to be little that needs to be done. As stated above, our relationship will be overt. Since there is nothing unusual about Embassy officers maintaining contact with the journalistic community in Bonn (even when the officers are known, as in this case, as KUBARKers), the maintenance of the relationship per se will arouse no suspicions and, actually, provides good cover for the covert aspects of her cooperation with KUBARK. As a matter of fact, CAMISE-1 has taken the initiative in providing an explanation for the relationship by informing a few of her colleagues (including [] who related this to []) that she is happy finally to have found a good contact in the American Embassy. We do not want her to overdo this, of course, and will warn her about it at the next appropriate occasion, but feel that, if kept within bounds, such mutual cover-building is desirable. Generally, she appears to be very well disposed toward KUBARK and seems to have a high respect for both its personnel and its missions. We regard it as highly unlikely that CAMISE-1 would wittingly do anything to harm KUBARK's good name.

7. Future Course of Action:

a. For the time being, we shall not push this case too hard and, instead, concentrate on cementing the personal relationship, leaving the furtherance of the professional relationship largely to her initiative. In the next several meetings, we shall continue to assess her. If the assessment continues to be positive - as we are quite sure it will - we will then become increasingly aggressive in placing one-time requirements on her about specific subjects of interest to KUBARK. As the next step and at the appropriate time, we shall outline to her the general and specific subjects which are of continuing interest to us and on which we should like her to keep working for us. The extent and depth of such a briefing, of course, will in large measure be determined by (1) our

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assessment of her access to possible sources of meaningful and reliable information and (2) our assessment of the degree to which she can at that point be entrusted with sensitive requirements. So much for the CALL aspects of the case.

b. Insofar as its CADORY aspects are concerned, we shall proceed in a similar but yet more cautious fashion. We shall assess, on a continuing basis, both her ability and willingness to collaborate with KUBARK along CADORY lines (in the CAVIGOR sense). Preliminarily, we would guess her to be willing, if the requests make sense politically and in terms of the medium to which she has access; however, we have no idea at this point about the degree to which she is in a position to have her medium run stories which we may give to her. If the final assessment turns out to be positive on both counts, we shall attempt to get her used to the idea by giving her one or two test missions along CAVIGOR lines. If these turn out favorably, we shall then attempt to put this aspect of the case on a firm and continuing basis.

8. So far, we have discussed only the quid aspect of the case. As far as the pro quo aspect is concerned, we are not at all sure what could or should be done. What she is probably chiefly interested in is assistance in furthering her journalistic career, and here information is unquestionably the most welcome commodity. This we shall provide to her -- always, however, within the bounds of what seems appropriate under the circumstances (except when directed to engage in an "indiscretion") by giving her really confidential data which the Embassy would not normally make available to journalists as "background information." In addition, we shall occasionally give CAMISE-1 small presents. At some point in the future, it may develop that CAMISE-1 is amenable to a salary-type of arrangement. If so, and if this would seem to contribute to the long-range purposes of the case, we shall propose it to her (preferably on a piece rate basis and, if so and in order to eliminate the danger of fabrication, for work done along CAVIGOR lines). However, this stage appears to be a good way off, and there is plenty of time to give this aspect of the case our (i.e., Headquarters and Field) joint consideration.

9. In view of the current status of the case and since we do not want to tie ourselves up too much in paper work, we propose to restrict regular progress reporting on the CAMISE operation to a quarterly basis. It goes without saying, of course, that particularly significant developments, if any, will be reported separately as soon as possible after the event.

10. COS and Headquarters comments and/or suggestions concerning the above, as well as the case in general, will be welcome.

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